

## **AMENDMENTS**

### **In the specification:**

Please amend paragraph [0037] of the specification as follows:

[0037] Rotor shaft 44, best seen in Figures 1-6, has an annular outer surface 46, is preferably comprised of graphite, although any shape, size and material suitable for use in a molten metal pump may be used, has a first end 48 and a second end 50. First end 48 preferably includes a vertically extending keyway 52 suitable for transferring driving force to rotor shaft 44. Keyway 52 is preferably vertical, has a width of about  $\frac{3}{4}$ " and a depth of about  $\frac{3}{8}$ " and a length of about 4". Keyway 52 is preferably formed on a ~~milking~~ milling machine using a  $\frac{3}{4}$ " diameter bit or tool. As used herein with respect to keyway 52, the term "vertical" or "vertically-extending" means any keyway parallel to longitudinal axis Y of shaft 44 or having an angle up to 45 degrees from being parallel with axis Y. Moreover, any width, depth and length keyway may be used that is capable of supplying adequate rotational force to shaft 44. Keyway 52, however, should not have a depth greater than  $\frac{1}{3}$  the diameter of shaft 44 nor should it have a width greater than about 3", because keyway 52 should not significantly weaken shaft 44.